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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
DONALD RICCI)
Application No.: 09/557,007)
Filed: April 20, 2000)
For: STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM) April 23, 2003
AND METHOD OF USE)

Examiner: L. Thahn
Group Art Unit: 3763

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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to
the Election of Species Requirement of January 23, 2003 to April
23, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account 50-1710 \$205.00 for
payment of the extension fee. Any additional fee required, and

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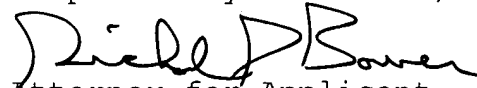
any overpayments should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement of January 23, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects Species I (Fig. 1) and subspecies B (Fig. 4), with traverse. Traversal is on the grounds that a search of the art for one species/subspecies will necessarily include a search of the art for the other species/subspecies. It is believed that the burden on the Examiner to examine all claims in a single application is less than the burden on the Applicant/public to prosecute/search more than one application/patent.

Claims 1-3, 6-18, 21-33, 36-49, 51-57, and 59 are readable on the elected species/subspecies. Claims 1, 3, 6-10, 12-16, 18, 21-25, 27-31, 33, 36-40, 42-49, 51, 53-57 and 59 are believed to be to be generic.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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